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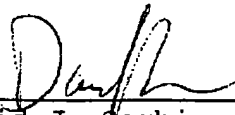
REMARKS

Claims 30 and 39 have been amended to clarify that the original term "joined to" means "physically attached." The claims now recite that the mesh is "physically attached" to the first and second layers. Examples of physical attachment or joining of the layers are set forth at least on page 2, lines 31-32 of the specification, and include explosion bonding, rolling and bolting.

Applicants thank Examiner Chaney for the courteous personal interview on October 2, 2003, at which the art of record and the claims were discussed. The Examiner noted that "physical attachment" was not disclosed by the prior art.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of the application under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501348. This sheet is submitted in duplicate.


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